

REMARKS

Applicant elects Group I claims (1-28, 20-21). Claims 19 and 22-28 are cancelled.

Applicant notes that claims 1-28 and 20-21 are indicated allowable.

The Examiner has repeatedly stated in the record that Group I claims are directed to a stationary barcode scanning apparatus, and has classified the claims as such, in class 235, subclass 462.14 (Stationary bar code reader). This is incorrect.

Nothing in claim 1, or any claim depending therefrom, restricts the claimed invention to a stationary barcode scanner. Claim 1 simply recites a barcode scanner with a plurality of sensors and a plurality of light sources, wherein each sensor senses light primarily from a corresponding light source, and wherein the sensors read the same bar code elements in succession. Such an arrangement of sensors and light sources may readily be provided on a manual barcode scanner, which manual scanner would fall within the scope of claim 1.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reclassify the Group I claims, and clarify in the record that the claims are not limited to a stationary barcode scanner. Applicant notes that such limitation is not include in the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance, and hence is not necessary to define patentably over the art.

Respectfully submitted,

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